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## Mayor Bennett Hosts Art Show to Encourage Wellness

Terre Haute, IN- In partnership with Indiana State University's Community School of the Arts and the Institute for Community Sustainability, Mayor Bennett is hosting a photography art show at City Hall with an opening reception on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Bennett has committed 2014 to advocating for wellness with a series of 52 events to promote healthy lifestyles and increase the quality of life of those living in the greater Terre Haute area. The art show will take place in the stairwell of City Hall to encourage staff and visitors to burn more calories and less electricity by taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

The Community School of the Arts, one of Indiana State University's Unbounded Possibilities programs of distinction, provides classes to community members for infants through senior citizens in music, theater, and visual arts. "We are thrilled to be part of the "Wellness" exhibition at City Hall," said Petra Nyendick, the director of the program. "The artworks in this show depict interpretation of a healthy community and implicitly demonstrate that artistic engagement has a positive effect on citizens."

The art show is a digital photography exhibition by adult students enrolled in a beginning photography class. Lisa Stein, one of the artists whose work will be on display, recalled the class as an "eye opening" experience. She said, "I took the class because I thought it would be fun, but it was far more challenging than I expected. When I started the class, I had stereotypical views of photography; because of the phenomenal instructor, I now realize the depth of it." She looks forward to taking another course from the Community School of the Arts.

The featured work is on display in the stairwell of City Hall until March 14<sup>th</sup> with an opening reception scheduled from 5:00-6:30 on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is open and free of charge to the community. An award presentation by Mayor Duke Bennett will take place at the beginning of the opening reception.

To learn more about the Community School of the Arts and the Institute for Community Sustainability, visit [www.unboundedpossibilities.com](http://www.unboundedpossibilities.com).

For a complete list of events, visit Mayor Bennett's webpage at [TerreHaute.in.gov](http://TerreHaute.in.gov).